

Jersey Political Trail Traced to 'Thirty Acres'

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The searchlight of truth, which defeated State Senator Alexander Simpson in the Somerville courtroom, is focusing its rays on Hudson county today, as public sentiment is raising an insistent plea to stamp out alleged corruption and irregularities in officialdom.

In the past few days residents of Hudson county have called upon Prosecutor of the Pleas John F. Milton and Supreme Court Justice James F. Minturn to act in the name of the right thinking people.

With evidence of irregularities piling up day by day, The GRAPHIC was informed today of charges that Boyle's Thirty Acres, the great fight arena where Jack Dempsey in his prime fought the flashy Georges Carpentier to a standstill, is occupying streets which, it is alleged, were seized from the people of Jersey City without authority.

Charges by G. O. P. Leader

The charges are contained in a statement made by William P. Ver-



Alexander Simpson Frank Hague

don, former Republican leader, who answered an accusation by Corporation Counsel Thomas J. Brogan of Jersey City that the Republican vehicular tunnel board was wasting funds.

Verdon was threatened with arrest because of his statement, and John Milton, the present prosecutor, was retained by John F. Boyle to press the case. But the matter was dropped when Verdon indicated publicly he would stand by the charges, which he insists still hold good today.

The existence of Verdon's attack is not generally known. Mr. Verdon said that, of course, Mr. Brogan did not know about the actions of Mayor Frank Hague and Tunnel Commissioner John F. Boyle with respect to sections of Freemont Street, Florence Street, Kenneth Street, Warwick Street and Bright Street for the enhancement of the fight arena.

Signed by Boyle

The petition," said Verdon, "in 1922, was asking for the vacation of these streets by the city—the streets on which the arena was built and had been standing for more than a year prior to the introduction of the petition—is signed by John F. Boyle, Hague's tunnel commissioner, as president of the Central Storage and Realty Company. Boyle is also a director of the company. Incidentally he is Frank Hague's campaign man-

ager and treasurer of the Democratic campaign committee in Hudson county.

"The fight arena was built in July, 1921, for the Carpentier-Dempsey fight. The streets sought to be vacated by the petition were actually occupied for a year without any legal warrant whatsoever.

"EVEN AT THE PRESENT TIME THE VACATION IS ILLEGAL. These streets belong to the people of Jersey City and Mr. Boyle and Frank Hague have absolutely no right to them. They were so eager they overlooked an elementary fact which throws the whole matter back where it was before.

No Hearing Notice

"After having the arena for a year it was decided to have the city vacate the streets. The petition for vacation is undated—why this should be can easily be guessed—but on the margin it states it was received on June 6, 1922. On June 27 the ordinance vacating the streets was introduced. On July 14 notice of public hearing was given. On July 25 the ordinance was passed by the Jersey City Board of Commissioners.

"Two days later the Tendler-Lewis fight was held. In their hurry to get the thing through and deprive the people of the city of their property, Hague and Boyle forgot that, under chapter 152 of the laws of 1917, article 22, it is specifically provided that no ordi-

Bandits Interrupt Good-Night Kiss, Take Girl's Ring

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 13 (By U. P.).—While Louis Cohen was bidding his fiancée good night, two bandits came up, took the engagement ring from the girl's finger, then drove away in Cohen's car.

The ring, which Cohen had just given his sweetheart, Miss Rose Schulnick, was valued at \$1,500. The bandits also took other jewelry from the couple, making the total \$2,200.

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nance to vacate streets shall be passed until after public notice of the intention to vacate the streets shall have been advertised in a local newspaper ten days prior to the introduction of the ordinance.

Called Illegal

"The ordinance was introduced on June 27, 1922. No such public notice as required by law was given ten days prior to this, so that the action of the city commissioners in vacating the streets is illegal and without effect. The streets still belong to the people of Jersey City and not to Boyle and Hague."

Verdon's statement was published in the form of an advertisement on Nov. 3, 1922, when Governor Silzer was running against William N. Runyon, republican. It was challenged by Boyle, who declared in an answering advertisement that the money he made in this proposition was hardly worth mentioning. He did not deny the facts, nor did he ever bring any action against Verdon, it is said.

JEWS HONOR DEAD

Five hundred members of the Jewish Theatrical Guild of America attended memorial services for deceased members yesterday afternoon in the Shaari Zedek Synagogue, 212 West 92d St. Mrs. Ben Welch, widow of the blind comedian, her daughter and the families of Barney Bernard, Louis Hirsch and Harry Houdini were in the congregation.

HOLDS 31 AS SHOPLIFTERS

In Jefferson Market Court yesterday Magistrate Simpson held twenty-six women and five men for Special Sessions for shoplifting. Store detectives said that Saturday they detected eighty-four persons taking advantage of the Christmas rush to steal articles in stores near Herald Square. Some were children.

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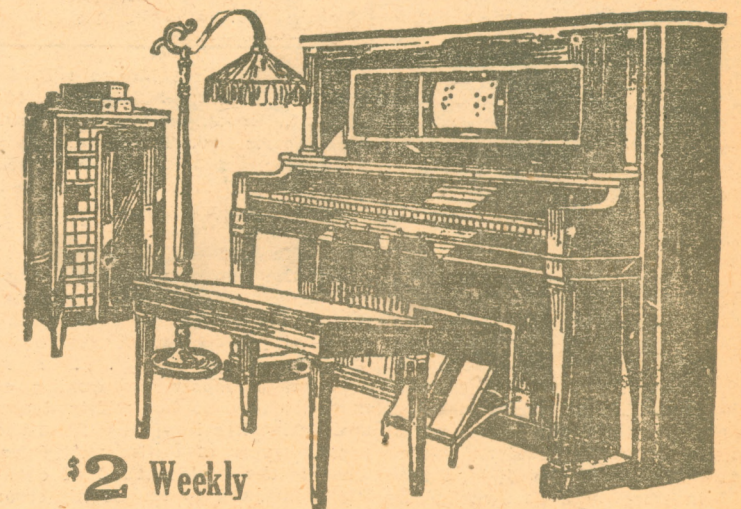
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